

Khartoum embassy siege ends

KHARTOUM (AP) — A siege of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) embassy Wednesday afternoon ended with the arrest of the lone gunman who stormed into the building and held the ambassador, three senior diplomats and a gardener hostage, official sources said. A six-man commando unit stormed the embassy, arrested the gunman and freed the hostages in 40 seconds. There were no casualties. Army soldiers stood by an helicopter hovered overhead as the commandos whisked away the handcuffed attacker. UAE Ambassador Mohammad Sultan refused to speak to reporters after his release. Released captives said the gunman talked on the telephone with an official at the office of UAE President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahayan. He asked for the release of a number of "political prisoners," and threatened to blow up the embassy when the official told him Sheikh Zayed was unavailable. Sudanese officials initially appealed to the gunman to end his siege, but decided to storm the building after his threats with explosion, officials said. Reports of the release of the hostages and arrest of the gunman first came from official sources in Abu Dhabi. Little was known about the gunman's identity.

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AROUND THE WORLD...

Philippine typhoon death toll at 90

MANILA (R) — Floods drowned dozens of residents in the central Philippines, raising to 90 the number of people feared dead in the wake of typhoon Skip, officials said Wednesday. At least 34 people were killed after floodwaters swamped the provincial capital and seven towns of Palawan Island Monday. Red Cross relief chief Lourdes Masang said. Masang said the death toll could rise further once communications were restored with interior Palawan villages cut off by swollen rivers. He said at least 75 people were missing in Palawan.

Bomb attack injures 2 in Djibouti

DJIBOUTI (R) — The latest in a series of mysterious bombings in Djibouti injured two people, state-run radio and television said Wednesday. The home-made bomb was hurled into a shop in central Djibouti late Tuesday evening. It was the second bombing in Djibouti town in less than a month. A grenade exploded Oct. 11 at a National Assembly parking lot. In September, a power plant and a public works facility in the southern part of the country were bombed. No one was injured and no arrests have been reported.

Britain to hold new talks with Iran

LONDON (R) — Britain sent a senior Foreign Office official to Vienna Wednesday for talks with Iran on resuming normal diplomatic relations. Sir David Miers, assistant undersecretary of state for Middle Eastern Affairs, was expected to meet Mahmoud Vaezi, head of the Iranian Foreign Ministry's West European desk, British officials said. The talks are aimed at reopening the British embassy in Tehran and the appointment of ambassadors by both countries in the new year, the officials said.

Hirohito 'temporarily' stable

TOKYO (R) — Emperor Hirohito was reported in stable condition Wednesday but palace officials said his health could take a turn for the worse any time. "His Majesty the emperor is stable, but this is just for the time being," a palace official told reporters.

Muslim leader meets Ibn Ali

TUNIS (R) — Tunisia's Islamic militants said Wednesday their leader had a positive meeting with President Zine Abidine Ben Ali last weekend but the president did not promise to recognize them soon as a political party. A spokesman for the militant Islamic Tendency Movement (MTI) told Reuters MTI leader Rashed Ghannouchi asked for the meeting to thank Ibn Ali for releasing scores of detained militants and to wish him well on his first anniversary in power. The meeting Saturday, the first between Ibn Ali and an MTI leader, ended almost two months of cool relations between the movement and the government.

Italy to recall warships from Gulf

ROME (R) — Italy said Wednesday it would withdraw its warships from the Gulf by the end of the year and would stop escorting merchant vessels in the waterway this month. Italy sent eight naval vessels to the Gulf in September, 1987, at the height of the Iran-Iraq war, to protect merchant shipping. These have since been reduced to two frigates, a reconnaissance vessel and two minesweepers.

Kabul names new envoy to Moscow

ISLAMABAD (R) — The Soviet-backed Afghan government has named Interior Minister Sayed Mohammad Gulabzoi ambassador to Moscow, Bakhtar news agency reported. The official agency, monitored in Islamabad Wednesday, did not say who would replace Gulabzoi. He has figured prominently in all Afghan cabinets since the 1978 Marxist takeover and is head of the ruling People's Democratic Party's Khalk faction. Khalk opposes President Najibullah's peace offers to the guerrillas fighting the Kabul government and Gulabzoi was widely considered a potential rival for the president, who leads the Parcham (flag) faction.

S. Arabia sets up state oil firm

ABU DHABI (R) — Saudi Arabia Wednesday set up a state oil company which will apparently formally take over the kingdom's vast oil industry from an American consortium but was quick to add this would not affect current operations. The Saudi Press Agency (SPA) gave few details of the decision by the Saudi cabinet to set up the Saudi Arabian Oil Company beyond saying that the cabinet defined the legal status of the country's expanding petroleum infrastructure. But the move comes after several years when the relationship between the Saudi government and companies in the Arabian American Oil Company (Aramco) remained unclear.

Kuwait gives \$1m to U.N. force

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwait will give \$1 million to help to finance the U.N. team of military observers monitoring the ceasefire between Iran and Iraq, a Foreign Ministry official said Wednesday. He told the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) the money was in addition to what Kuwait had already agreed to pay towards the cost of the U.N. Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIMOG).

S. Arabia, Kuwait sign accord

RIVADH (R) — Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have signed an accord to safeguard the rights of people living in an oil-producing neutral zone dividing the two Gulf states. Some 400,000 barrels of oil per day are pumped in the neutral zone and Saudi Arabia and Kuwait sell part of the production on behalf of Iraq. Saudi and Kuwaiti nationals live together in the area south of Kuwait and overlooking the Gulf. Kuwait's Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah said on Saudi television after the signing ceremony he hoped the agreement marked a step towards achieving security and stability for citizens of both countries.

Turkish Cypriots end visit to Greek zone

NICOSIA (AP) — Four Turkish Cypriot politicians ended a three-day visit to the Greek sector of Cyprus Wednesday, the first since Turkey's 1974 invasion divided the island, and said it was "an important step" towards bringing the rival communities together. The official Cyprus News Agency said that prominent Greek Cypriot politician Yiannakis Matsis, who arranged the visit, accompanied the visitors to the United Nations-patrolled green line that splits Nicosia and hailed the visit as "a great success." The visit came as President George Vassiliou, the Greek Cypriot leader, ended several weeks of face-to-face talks with Rauf Denktaş, president of the breakaway Turkish Cypriot state in northern Cyprus on resuming the war-divided island. More talks are scheduled before the end of the year.

Lecteurs francophones

Le Jourdain paraîtra cette semaine dimanche et, pour des raisons techniques, sera ensuite publié tous les mercredis (et non les jeudis comme par le passé).

Regent urges EEC to help find speedy Mideast solution

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Wednesday urged the European Economic Community (EEC) to help bring about a speedy and just solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict. Jordan seeks with all its power to establish just and lasting settlements to the Arab-Israeli conflict and to the Lebanese problem so that the region can live in peace, the Crown Prince said at a meeting with Greek Foreign Minister Karolos Papoulias, who began a two-day visit to Jordan earlier in the day.

The Regent underlined the role which the EEC as a whole and Greece in particular can play to end the Middle East problems. Prince Hassan said Jordan's decision to sever legal and administrative ties with the West Bank was aimed at ending any dual responsibility for the territories and to enhance the Palestinian identity.

"The world is now waiting for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to adopt a unified and clear political stand that will reflect the real interests of the Palestinian people and help them to regain their legitimate rights," Prince Hassan said.

The meeting was attended by Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri and Greek Ambassador to Jordan Hannibal Vellides. The Greek minister's talks here would focus on the general situation in the Middle East region and means of bolstering bilateral ties, an earlier statement said.

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Victorious Bush vows to cooperate with Congress



George Bush

King congratulates Bush, voices hope for peace

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday cabled George Bush on his victory in the U.S. presidential election.

The King expressed hope that the next stage would witness further U.S. interest in regional issues to reinforce peace in the world, the Middle East in particular, and to reach a durable, just, and comprehensive peace that restores stability in the region, and peace and security to its peoples.

The King wished Bush success and hoped that the U.S. people would attain further progress and prosperity.

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan also sent a message of congratulations to Bush. "May I extend to you my heartfelt congratulations on your victory in the United States presidential elections. Your wisdom and experience will greatly contribute to your leadership of the American people as you guide them into the last decade of this millennium. In wishing you every success in the years ahead and the American people continuing happiness and prosperity, I pray to the Almighty to guide us all in the service of humanity," the cable said.

Information Minister Hani Khasawneh welcomed Bush's victory and expressed hope that the new president would be able to achieve comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

In a statement to Agence France Presse (AFP), Dr. Khasawneh hoped that the U.S. president-elect would help achieve the Middle East peoples' aspirations through the attainment of a just and durable peace in the region.

Dr. Khasawneh also referred to the friendly ties existing between King Hussein and Bush and said that the president-elect was familiar with the constructive role Jordan is playing in the Middle East region.

name-calling and accusations.

"To those who supported me, I will try to be worthy of your trust. To those who did not, I will try to earn it. My hand is out to you and I want to be your president, too," Bush said in his acceptance speech in Houston, Texas.

Later in the day, Bush named campaign chairman James Baker as the next U.S. secretary of state.

At his first news conference since winning the election, Bush said: "It is my intention to nominate James A. Baker" as secretary of state replacing George Shultz.

Asked about the role of controversial Vice-President-elect Dan Quayle, Bush said his running-mate would be fully involved in the administration.

Quayle, junior senator from Indiana, has been widely accused

of lacking the experience and ability required for the man "a heart beat away" from the presidency.

Bush can claim his sweeping victory gives him a mandate to continue Reagan's policies, credited by Republicans with the economy's largest peacetime expansion, and to meet his promise of no new taxes to deal with huge trade and budget deficits.

But the Democrats strengthened control of both chambers of Congress (see page 8) and many Democrats were furious at Bush for his blasting of Dukakis as a far-left liberal opposed to a strong national defence, soft on crime and likely to raise taxes.

In a conciliatory gesture to Congress, Bush said he would

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Jordan rejects Israeli allegations

AMMAN (Petra) — An official spokesman Wednesday dismissed Israeli allegations and contentions over economic developments in Jordan.

"During the past two days Radio Israel repeatedly carried allegations in its newscasts about the Jordanian economy and the Jordanian dinar's exchange rates," the spokesman said.

"These allegations, containing provocative terms, are designed to shake the confidence of the brethren in the occupied territories and to divert their attention away from resistance to the occupation. Regrettably, some of the deviationists who deal with some foreign reporters and make of the atmosphere of freedom prevailing in Jordan have volunteered to present false reports of this genuine Arab country to serve their suspect goals."

The spokesman said that these allegations, which Israel and those affiliated with it carry, have well-known goals and aspirations. These allegations will not affect the firm march of Jordan — that attained, with God's

help, high standards of comprehensive development the Jordanians have been enjoying in all aspects of their life.

Jordan, through its aware and wise leadership, is capable of adapting to the new stage and to its needs, counting on the firmness of the economic foundation which its aware and sincere people had built.

"In my opinion, the ability of the uprising to bring people out (to demonstrate) is already losing its force and ability," Shomron

contended in comments to reporters in Nahlus.

Eight days after inconclusive Israeli elections, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres continued courting ultra-religious parties, each trying to form a coalition government.

The underground leaders of the uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip called Wednesday's strike to mark the start of the 12th month of the revolt, in which 318 Palestinians have died.

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King continues talks with Gulf leaders

MUSCAT (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein arrived here Wednesday on the fourth leg of a visit to the Arab Gulf for

talks with Arab leaders on the latest developments in the Arab World.

Shortly after his arrival here from Qatar, the King held talks with Sultan Qaboos bin Said of Oman on the latest developments in the Arab and Islamic scenes and bilateral relations.

The King began the visit to the Gulf Tuesday with a visit to Kuwait where he held talks with Emir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah. Later he flew to Bahrain for similar talks with Emir Sheikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa. During his overnight visit to Bahrain, the King accompanied by the Bahraini crown prince, visited the causeway linking Bahrain and Saudi Arabia.

In Doha, Qatar, the King held talks with Emir Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al Thani.

The King, while flying over United Arab Emirates (UAE) air space, sent a cable Wednesday to UAE President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahayan conveying



His Majesty King Hussein and Qatari Emir Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al Thani Wednesday hold talks in Doha (Petra wirephoto)

his greetings and best wishes. The King's talks with the Gulf leaders cover the latest developments in the Iran-Iraq peace talks, the ongoing Palestinian up-

rising in the occupied territories, the situation in Lebanon, Arab developments and bilateral relations, according to the Jordan News Agency, Petra.

Jordan to have major foundry

AMMAN (Petra) — Approval was given Wednesday for a plan to establish a foundry in Jordan to supply cast metal to different local industries and leave a surplus for export.

Approval for the project came at a meeting held at the Social Security Corporation (SSC) offices in Amman under the chairmanship of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, and in the presence of Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and Cabinet ministers and directors of concerned departments.

Financial, technical and economic aspects of the project which will cost JD 23 million were discussed at the meeting, which also reviewed prospects for setting up new industries employing cast metal produced

by the proposed foundry which is to be set up by the Arab Industrial Engineering Company (AIEC), according to an official statement that followed the meeting.

The statement said that the foundry would help Jordan to gradually stop imports of foreign cast metal and create 550 jobs. The foundry should be able to produce 8,700 tonnes of cast iron and steel of which 75 per cent will be used to cover the Jordanian market and the rest will be exported to other countries, the statement said.

It said that a number of companies had already offered to purchase the foundry's production and to participate in providing capital for the project.

Jordan at present imports \$11 million worth of cast iron for its different industries and this sum will be saved, along with an estimated \$5.5 million, which will come to the country as exports revenues of the surplus production, the statement added.

The SSC, along with a number of Jordanian and pan-Arab companies, hold shares in the AIEC, which was established in 1984 with a JD 15 million capital.

The ministers of labour, finance, supply, energy and mineral resources, planning, industry and trade and the minister of state for cabinet affairs along with the SSC director attended Wednesday's meeting.

Dudin: Work permit fee aims at opening jobs for Jordanians

AMMAN (Petra) — The government's recent decision to levy extra fees from non-Jordanian workers in Jordan is not intended as a means to increase the country's revenues but is rather another attempt on the part of the government to give priority to employment to Jordanians and to reduce the outflow of foreign exchange.

According to Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) statistics, foreign workers in Jordan transferred a total of JD 62 million abroad last year, the minister said in a statement carried by Petra and Jordan Television.

The government's recent measures will bear fruit in the next year by bringing about a drop of 50 per cent in such transfers and more control will be maintained over the local labour market, Dudin said.

The minister expressed hope that there would be a gradual decrease in the number of non-Jordanian workers, specially in sectors other than agriculture and nursing.

The Ministry of Labour is pursuing plans to control the labour



Marwan Dudin

market and it will keep the door open to non-Jordanians for the time being to work in agriculture and nursing where sufficient number of Jordanian workers is not available, Dudin said.

He said Jordan seeks to increase its agricultural output and requires the services of nurses for a limited time — perhaps three years — and for this reason the fees on work permits for such categories were not increased.

At present a non-Jordanian Arab worker in either of these

two categories pays JD 10 for his or her work permit but a non-Arab pays JD 50.

Non-Jordanian workers employed in areas other than agriculture and nursing will have to pay additional fees rising to JD 100 — up from JD 30 for Arabs — and JD 300 — up from 150 — for non-Arabs, according to the recent government measures.

The measures include some 14,000 domestic servants, Dudin expressed hope that this category will be gradually replaced by Jordanians.

Dudin said Jordan now has a total of 5,918 non-Jordanian workers, mostly Arabs, employed in agriculture and 1,319 in nursing.

He said that nearly 650,000 Jordanians are now employed in the Kingdom and between 400,000 and 450,000 are employed abroad.

Tourism

Tourism Minister Zuhair Ajlouni Wednesday termed the Cabinet's decision to impose a 10 per cent tax on four and five-star restaurant and hotel rates as a

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Strike marks 12th month of uprising

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — Palestinians staged a general strike Wednesday to mark the 12th month of the anti-occupation uprising as the army forecast Palestinian leaders abroad would try to breathe life into the revolt.

Army chief of staff Lieutenant-General Dan Shomron said the Palestine National Council (PNC) meeting in Algiers later this week could be a last-ditch effort to boost the uprising that began Dec. 9.

"In my opinion, the ability of the uprising to bring people out (to demonstrate) is already losing its force and ability," Shomron

contended in comments to reporters in Nahlus.

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Israel Radio said troops made several arrests in raids on villages

in the occupied areas to preempt demonstrations during the meeting of the PNC, which is expected to declare an independent Palestinian state.

The army bulldozed at least five homes in Al Ayyariyah outside Jerusalem, witnesses said. Military sources claimed the houses were built without permits.

An Israeli woman injured in the head by stone-throwing Palestinians, as her taxi drove along the edge of the West Bank Tuesday night was in serious condition, hospital staff said.

In Taibe, Israeli Arabs clashed

with police for a third consecutive day over the demolition of 15 buildings constructed allegedly without government permits, police said.

There were no injuries or arrests. The clashes, which started Monday, were the most serious between Israeli Arabs and police since the start of the uprising.

Officials told Israel's outgoing cabinet that the PNC would declare an independent Palestinian state and outlined measures that might be taken in response, political sources said. The sources did not elaborate.

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NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

JORDAN-SAUDI TALKS: — Information Minister Hani Khasawneh Wednesday discussed with Saudi Ambassador to Jordan Sheikh Muhammad Al Fahd Al Isa various issues of interest to the two countries. (Petra).

CHINESE TEAM VISIT MU'TA: The visiting Chinese military delegation visited Mu'ta University, near Karak, and was briefed on the programmes of the university's military wing. The delegation members toured a number of departments and met with deans and officials. (Petra).

TALHOUNI MEETS N. YEMENI AIDE: North Yemeni-Jordanian relations and bilateral cooperation were reviewed here Wednesday by a visiting member of North Yemen's Consultative Council Ahmad Jaber Atif and senate member, Bahjat Talhouni. (Petra).

TARAWNEH LEAVES FOR SUDAN: Civil Defence Department (CDD) Director General Khaled Tarawneh Wednesday left for Sudan on a several-day visit to discuss development of bilateral cooperation in civil defence. His visit follows one made by a group of CDD officers who conducted a study on Sudan's needs of technical training programmes prior to arranging for assistance to that country. (Petra).

ISESCO MEETING: The executive council of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ISESCO), which is preparing for the general council's meeting Saturday, has discussed a number of issues related to the ISESCO's charter and endorsed amendments as presented by the organisation's general administration. (Petra).

TAFLEH ELECTIONS ON NOV. 18: The council of ministers has decided to dissolve the Krameh Municipal Council in the Jordan Valley and to appoint a committee to run the municipality's affairs chaired by the district governor. Meanwhile, it was announced Wednesday that municipal elections for Tafleh town in southern Jordan will be held on Nov. 18. A total of 7,327 persons are eligible to vote in the elections. The municipal elections in Ramtha will be held Sunday. 14,162 voters will choose 10 from 25 candidates running for the elections. (Petra).

SCIENTIFIC DAY ON AIDS: The Irbid Governorate Health Department Wednesday organised a scientific day on acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) at the Professional Association Complex in Irbid. Chairman of the National Committee to Combat AIDS reviewed the protective measures and the ways by which this disease spreads. (Petra).

TOURISM IN ZARQA: A committee charged with stimulating tourism in Zarqa convened Wednesday under the chairmanship of Governor Eid Qataneh and discussed a number of matters related to tourist areas and archaeological sites in the governorate. The committee decided to dispatch a team on a tour of different archaeological sites to work out a comprehensive programme for their development. (Petra).

100,000 VISIT JORDANIAN PAVILION: Over 100,000 people have so far visited the Jordanian pavilion at Baghdad International Fair. Director of Jordanian Pavilion Khalaf Al Fayez said that the variety and good quality of exhibited Jordanian industries enjoy the approval of visitors.

AGRICULTURAL SEMINAR: An agricultural seminar was held in Karak Wednesday to orient local farmers on diseases affecting cattle and means of protecting the animals. (Petra).

IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS: The Ministry of Social Development has concluded a training course for its officials in charge of planning and following up the implementation of projects. (Petra).

MAN JAILED FOR 6 YEARS: The military court has sentenced George Yousef Ata Abdul Nabi to six years imprisonment with hard labour and the payment of JD 600 fine for trafficking with hashish. The military governor Wednesday approved the sentence. (Petra).

Greater Amman announces cultural plans on King Hussein's birthday

AMMAN (J.T.) — Greater Amman Municipality Wednesday announced a programme of activities as part of its contribution to the Kingdom's celebrations of His Majesty King Hussein's birthday which falls Monday, Nov. 14.

It said that plans were made to hold sports events such as football, volleyball and handball matches, national dances and songs in which several folk troupes will take part at Al Hashemeh Square downtown Amman, flower exhibitions in a number of areas, cultural and artistic events at Amman's national parks and gardens, as well as a seminar on Jordan Television.

A municipality statement said that the events will include an aerial display to be performed by the Royal Falcons over the city of Amman.

The climax of these events, it said, will be a major ceremony to

be held at the Amman National Park located off the Queen Alia International Airport Highway under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor on Nov. 17. The Queen, it said, will distribute medals and certificates of merit to engineers and workers who helped to set up Amman's gardens and parks.

Those to be honoured at the ceremony represent the ministries of Sports, Tourism, and Education as well as the Radio and Television Corporation, the local press, the Housing Bank, sports organisations and the Royal Falcons.

The municipality earlier announced that the King Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein Complex and Public Park, at Wadi Saqra district of Amman, will be formally opened under royal patronage on Nov. 14.

The municipality's Amman Development Corporation

(ADC) Director General Sami Rashid said that the complex was named after King Abdullah in recognition of endeavours exerted by the monarch, who founded the Kingdom, to implement the objectives of the Great Arab Revolt led by his father, Sharif Hussein Ibn Ali.

The 82,000-square-metre complex offers a variety of attractions which include cultural, recreational and sports services benefiting the Jordanian people and visitors to the Kingdom.

According to Rashid the complex has 62 stores with access from a number of directions, an amphitheatre for plays or other performances, a car-park for 600 vehicles, a children's open theatre, a public garden for which entry will be free of charge, in addition to a recreation centre which includes a children's garden and an aquarium.

Queen Noor to visit schools at Zarqa Military Camp

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Majesty Queen Noor will Thursday visit the Al Hussein preparatory and secondary schools at Zarqa Military Camp which were founded in 1950 to provide education to female children of Armed Forces martyrs and local students.

The preparatory school in the camp accommodates 687 students, while the secondary school seats 230.

Meanwhile the Ministry of Education has decided to announce a tender to build schools in different parts of Zarqa Governorate.

The schools, according to an Education Department spokesman in Zarqa will be set up in five different sites at the total cost of JD 34,000.

In the last two years, the spokesman said, the department

completed work on a number of schools at the cost of JD 6.7 million.

In May this year, Minister of Education Thouqan Hindawi said that the ministry had adopted a plan to set up schools in different parts of the Kingdom in implementation of the first national educational conference held in Amman last year.

Altogether 12 schools are to be built in Zarqa Governorate in implementation of the plan according to the minister.

Anglo-Jordanian society holds annual meeting

LONDON (Petra) — The Anglo-Jordanian Friendship Society held its annual ceremony in London Tuesday in the presence of Their Royal Highnesses Prince Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein and Princess A'isha who deputised for His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan.

Prince Abdullah delivered a speech paying tribute to the society for its endeavours to bolster Jordanian-British relations.

The society's president, Michael Snow, was presented by Prince Abdullah with the Jordanian Independence Medal of the Second Order as conferred on him by His Majesty King Hussein in recognition of his efforts in strengthening bilateral ties.

Jordan, Indonesia discuss religious affairs

AMMAN (J.T.) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai had a discussion in his office Wednesday with visiting Indonesian Minister of Religious Affairs Munawir Sjadzali who is now on a visit to Jordan to take part in a meeting by ministers of education in Islamic countries due to open here Saturday.

Sjadzali and Rifai reviewed bilateral relations and discussed

means of bolstering cooperation in the presence of Minister of Awqaf and Religious Affairs Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat and Indonesia's Ambassador to Jordan Dr. Sumaryo Suryokusano.

Earlier, Khayyat and the visiting minister held talks on bilateral cooperation in religion-related affairs and the work of Awqaf (Islamic endowment) and on Islamic culture.

They discussed the prospect of exchanges of expertise and information related to Sharia (Islamic Law) applications with regard to real estate, and looked into the possibility of signing a joint agreement on cooperation in religious affairs.

Later, Khayyat and Sjadzali attended the graduation of a group of female trainees who completed courses in typing,

telex and computer operations and artificial flower arrangement.

The training course was organised by the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs' Women Affairs Department.

Sjadzali who is accompanied by a two-member delegation is expected to leave Amman Sunday upon the conclusion of the education ministers' meeting.

All basic food supplies are available — Hawamdeh

AMMAN (Petra) — Ministry of Supply Secretary General Abdullah Al Hawamdeh has stressed that all the basic food supplies are available in adequate quantities.

In a statement to Jordan News Agency, Petra, he said such food supplies are being regularly provided from the ministry stores and sold at the regular prices which will not witness any rise. He added that the imported cigarettes are available in adequate quantities.

Referring to imported beef and mutton, he said they are still arriving in adequate quantities. "The

ministry will shortly import frozen meat and fish alongside the private sector so as to make these two types of food available."

He concluded by saying that the ministry has large quantities of frozen chicken and that they are sold in the market in small quantities in order to protect local production.

He said that in the wake of any chicken shortages in the markets, the ministry will provide the markets with great quantities of chicken.

Experts exchange ideas on art conservation

AMMAN (J.T.) — International scholars in the field of art conservation met with local participants in Jordan to exchange ideas on the various methods and techniques for art acquisition, restoration and conservation.

During the first weeklong workshop of its kind held under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Wijdan Ali last week, seven international experts held lectures "specifically for professional museum staff in Jordan," said Suhail Bisharat, director of the Jordan National Gallery of fine arts, which is organising the workshop.

According to Bisharat, "it is time we created high awareness

among local professionals who need the right tools and knowledge to preserve the national treasures of arts and history at various museums." He added that these professionals have never had the chance to receive first hand professional advice and training in the field.

The workshop focused on the preservation of textiles and costumes, photography of museum objects, conservation of 20th century pictures and Petra as an open museum.

Some of the important papers presented include "the role of museums in conservation of works of art and their permanent preservation" by Dr. Tariq Shar-

if, the director of the fine art department at the Syrian Ministry of Culture; "the preservation techniques and methods" by Dr. Christine Sitwell from the Tate Museum in London; "the storage of various objects at museums and various conditions pertinent to the subject" by Dr. Tariq Madhoun, the Director General of the Regional Centre for Conservation and Restoration of Cultural Property, Baghdad.

Ghadea Qaddomi from Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah (Islamic Antiquities Centre) in Kuwait shared with the participants some of the culture programmes conducted at the centre.

The participants visited some of the local museums and archaeological sites to learn about methods used. The tour included a visit to Mount Nebo in Madaba, the Museum of Popular Traditions, the Archaeological Museum, Jerash, Yarmouk University and the newly formed Jordanian Heritage Museum.

In addition, Father Piccivillo gave a lecture on the conservation and preservation of mosaic and structures in Jordan and Dr. Mu'awiyah Ibrahim lectured on the facilities and procedures of the Jordanian Heritage Museum.



The participants in the week-long workshop on art conservation visit archaeological sites in Madaba.

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ART EXHIBITIONS

- ★ An art exhibition by Mohammad Samara at Alia Art Gallery — 5:00 p.m.
- ★ A plastic art exhibition by Iyad Al Masri at the Housing Bank Complex.
- ★ A children's painting exhibition at Hittin Refugee Camp public library.

OTHER EXHIBITIONS

- ★ A literary exhibition held on the occasion of the centennial birthday of the British poet T.S. Eliot at the Exhibition Hall, the University of Jordan.
- ★ The Egyptian book exhibition at the Arab Club, Irbid.

FILMS

- ★ An Italian film entitled "Il Bisbetico Domato" at Haya Arts Centre — 7:00 p.m.
- ★ An American film entitled "Romancing the Stone" at the American Centre — 7:00 p.m.

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Necessary readjustment

JUDGING by the remarks and explanation of the ministers of trade and industry and supply in the wake of the measures introduced by the government Saturday to curb the outflow of foreign currencies from Jordan and increase state reserves, it has become obvious that Jordan is not about to change its true colour as a country promoting and championing free enterprise and the least amount of intervention by the government.

In essence the corrective measures were taken to deal with an exceptional fiscal and economic period, and are likely to be reversed as soon as the remedial measures have taken their course and the conditions in the country have returned to normal.

There have been string of dire circumstances that befell the country which in their cumulative effect forced the government to resort to emergency steps. The reasons for the unusual fiscal and economic conditions in Jordan are numerous, a major one of which is the deliberate Israeli policy to halt the inflow of Jordanian dinars to the West Bank and Gaza through Amman.

To put it bluntly, Israeli traces can be found in some of the major processes that aimed to destabilise the economy of Jordan. Certainly, there are other dimensions to our fiscal and economic conditions, some of which are domestic and others external. On the local scene, the measures taken are a grim reminder that we as people and consumers in Jordan needed to readjust to the new phase in Jordanian economic development.

Gone are the days of extravaganzas that we became used to for much too long, and in are the days when we need to tighten our belts a bit to cope with the end of the so-called adolescent stage of our economic development.

We also hope for a change of heart by Arab countries which had promised aid to Jordan, but did not fulfil all their promises.

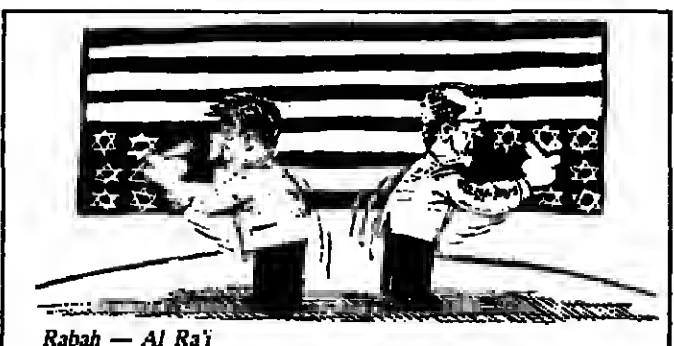
The \$200 million which we are striving to save to put our fiscal situation on the right track again could be had if the emergency steps taken recently are faithfully observed by all of us, whether in the private or public sectors.

When Arab aid resumes, and our consumption patterns change, we should regain our posture of normalcy, and hopefully we can then gradually relax the strong measures taken last week.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i Arabic daily Wednesday commented on His Majesty King Hussein's tour in the Gulf region and said that it coincided with the first anniversary of the Amman summit meeting when the Arab leaders achieved agreement and consensus on joint action. The visit at this time displays Jordan's keenness on maintaining the momentum of that summit and consultations among Arab leaders to confront the common challenges. Apart from the situation in the Gulf the King's discussions cover the situation in Lebanon in view of a call for a new summit on this crisis, the situation in the occupied Arab territories where the uprising is now entering its second year and Jordan's relations with Arab Gulf states, the paper noted. The King is keen on maintaining a good and strong relationship with each of the Arab states and a high level of consultations about various issues of concern to the Arab masses, the paper added. It voiced confidence that the new round of talks with Arab Gulf leaders will contribute towards bolstering joint Arab action at all levels and will pave the way for the Arabs to achieve the aspired peace in their region.

Al Dustour newspaper also commented on the King's tour and said that the meetings assume great significance being taking place under the present circumstances. The King is keen on maintaining consultations with the heads of the Arab Gulf states on various political matters and developments which are of concern to all Arabs, the paper noted. It said there is no doubt that the talks will cover the on-going Iran-Iraq negotiations in Geneva, the situation in Lebanon and the uprising in the occupied Arab territories. These as well as other issues are of concern to Jordan and Arab states and should be dealt with through a great measure of wisdom and close cooperation, the paper added.



Rabah — Al Ra'i

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

Buy local products

A columnist in Al Dustour daily comments Wednesday on the situation that followed the rise in the price of imported drugs by 30 per cent and says such development places serious responsibility on Jordanian physicians and specialists. Jordanian doctors ought from now on to issue prescriptions for the purchase of locally produced drugs rather than imported medicine, Ahmad Al Hisham advises. Jordanian products are of high quality and can replace imported products in our pharmacies, says the writer. We are proud of our products and Jordanian doctors ought to help us use them instead of the rather expensive drugs imported from abroad, the writer adds. He says that the local pharmaceutical firms also have a serious responsibility of doubling their efforts to produce even better quality medicines to encourage citizens to give them preference over foreign brands. The government's measures of raising the price of imported drugs, he concludes, are bound to help boost local production and save a great deal of badly needed hard currency.

The following is the second part of a two part series on the ethics of human solidarity taken from the book: **Winning the Human Race**, the final report of the Independent Commission on Humanitarian Issues that His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan launched last month during visits to London and Paris. Part one appeared Wednesday.

CERTAIN ethical imperatives follow from the fact that we cannot control and predict the consequences of our actions in a complex environment. They include:

- * The responsibility to examine and attempt to understand the full range of consequences of an action and avoid one-dimensional thinking.
- * To make every effort to minimise harm and to compensate the sufferers when harm is unavoidably generated in pursuit of a competing good.
- * To exercise discernment in the face of unintended consequences or harm. Justifiable actions may hurt some people. However it is important to acknowledge any ill effects for what they are rather than insisting that they are acceptable because they cannot be avoided.

Inaction can be as decisive as action, and just as damaging. On the other hand, the need to act without full knowledge or total certainty is a major dilemma for those who hold power. The fact is that no single person or institution has the capacity to marshal all the facts, understand all the alternatives, or predict all the reactions to and interpretations of an action. This underscores the crucial importance of continual discourse on ethical issues. Exposure to different ways of looking at a problem may, therefore, increase understanding and in so doing enlarge areas of agreement. This is a necessary first step for an expanded consensus on humanitarian issues.

Such a consensus must necessarily take into account the increasingly prominence of new actors, particularly in recent decades, both within and outside the governmental structures of new states or states that have radically changed their political system. However, these new actors have emerged from nations, cultures and ideologies that did not participate in formulating the international consensus on humanitarian norms, and have not had the opportunity to give their views on it. It is not surprising that they feel little obligation to abide by it.

Many of the new states do not have adequate experience of

national politics, much less of international politics. Moreover, many states that accept international standards in external conflicts still refuse to apply humanitarian norms to the internal ones when dealing with opposition groups. These groups thus lack the incentive of mutual restraint to apply the norms themselves.

One additional explanatory factor in the fragility of the humanitarian consensus may be that the consensus itself has not drawn sufficiently upon non-Western cultural, legal and religious traditions. The historical reasons for this are clear. The norms of humanitarian conduct, therefore, might become more universally acceptable if they draw on more universal, rather than strictly Western sources of inspiration. The holy texts of various religions and the legal systems, philosophies, and customary practices of other cultures, including oral traditions, abound in moral injunctions that imply an ethic of human solidarity.

The international community can condemn violations of humanitarian standards but it can hardly claim to be surprised when desperate people react violently, and in so doing disregard basic humanitarian principles. The first reaction of the perpetrators to pleas for restraint is likely to be: "Where was the outrage of the international community, whose norms we are now being asked to respect, during the crises that imprisoned us in poverty, ignorance and oppression, that killed our children through malnutrition and disease, that despoiled our lands?" The keen sense of structural violence on the part of its victims, and their determination to resist it, is the link that joins long-term issues of poverty and injustice to the breakdown of humanitarian norms in wars or violent internal struggles. The contenders in such struggles are not likely to observe the norms set by the international community until they are acknowledged to be a part of it themselves.

Dual standards, or multiple standards tailored to specific circumstances or to the perceptions and ideologies of separate societies are a luxury that can no

Searching for common values

longer be afforded. International standards must be such as to be acceptable across a wide spectrum of cultures and ideologies. They must be based on the notion of the human species as a single, indivisible but pluralistic unit.

The tenuousness of human judgment is an inescapable fact of life. However, to reduce the margin for error, we must strive to keep the channels of communication with others open. The broadest possible discourse can at the very least uncover differences of conviction and their sources. Exposure to different ways of looking at a problem may increase understanding and in so doing enlarge areas of agreement. Sometimes, received opinion may be false, or it may be necessary to clear up apprehensions about erroneous opinion. But the commoner case than either of these, is when conflicting opinions, instead of being one true and the other false, share the truth between them, and an exchange takes place to supply the remainder of the truth.

Calls for a strong international

tional pluralism. Living together on this planet with its finite resources, where we all have the ability to hurt if not destroy each other, requires an enlargement of our vision and sense of neighbourhood.

Neighbours are bound together in mutual reliance, and in that sense all people today surely qualify as neighbours. But we lack the positive qualities of neighbourliness: an acknowledgement of mutual obligation, and a reasonable level of tolerance. It may be that the classic neighbourhood is also a place of intense suspicion, jealousy and even hostility. But its members know that they must live together, and that the expression of open antagonism leaves them all poorer and less secure. There is also a degree of acceptance, within bounds, of the faults of one's neighbours on the grounds that they display a weakness that we may all have to some degree. In the final analysis, they too belong despite what we may not like in them.

What we need is an explanation and justification of moral obligations which are predicated

in others.

General rules and principles of human conduct have evolved in specific historical settings, and within those settings they have acquired strong presumptive authority. But in a situation of rapid social, cultural and technological change, the old principles may lose their acceptability as ethical guidelines. Still, it is possible to define the outer limits of ethical behaviour that would be acceptable very widely in the modern world. What is more difficult to define is ethical decision-making within those limits, in the complex, ambiguous, uncertain and fast-changing circumstances in which humanitarian issues unfold.

It must be recognised that the problem is not of morality versus politics but rather of the kind of politics which allow moral restraints to emerge and to be observed. Such political activity begins with a sober consideration of the underlying self-interest that will persuade states and other actors to accept the precepts of common humanity.

The willingness to blunt voluntarily the sharper edges of national sovereignty can be seen in all successful efforts to bring about greater international cooperation. It is essential to the task of preserving and extending humanitarian values. Restraint in the exercise of sovereignty does not require an undermining or superseding of the state. It does, however, imply the need to agree upon effective and mutually agreed methods for holding states accountable for their actions, or for their inaction, in the face of another's dereliction of humanitarian obligations.

We recognise that disregard for humanitarian values is not found only in situations of overt conflict. It is also manifest in the willingness of the international community to stand by while hundreds of millions of people sink into the depths of absolute deprivation. This amounts to acceptance of a doctrine of dispensability applicable to the poorest and most helpless members of society. While the first line of responsibility for them rests with their own communities and states, these are often helpless to remedy a harmful situation. Often, they lack the resources or the skills to combat deprivation, or are in the grip of larger forces in the national or the world economy over which they have no control.

A broader consensus on humanitarian issues requires, in our view, a search for the highest common values that are widely shared despite all the negative,

conflictual elements of human societies. All cultures and religions credit human-beings with a moral dimension and expect to see it manifested in however fragmented and diluted a form.

The conceptual framework within which our Commission functioned was based essentially on an ethical core which can help build a wider consensus. The cornerstones of this framework were the values which from time immemorial have been a part of the collective consciousness of the human species, which have ensured their survival and well-being, and which have stood the test of time:

- * Respect for life;
- * A responsibility towards future generations;
- * Protection of the human habitat;
- * Altruism nurtured by a sense of mutual interest and a recognition of human dignity and worth.

We have borne in mind these values when examining the specific humanitarian issues which form the bulk of this Report. Recognising the value of a pragmatic and realistic approach, we endeavoured at the same time to remain fully conscious of the over-arching global issues which condition the humanitarian problems as well as the new forces which are bound to affect, for better or for worse, the future shape of things. These are treated briefly in the first part of our Report.

Our purpose was no more than to be catalytic, however modestly, in encouraging public debate on the need for people to be more humane in facing contemporary challenges. We are fully aware that the idea of human solidarity and the ethics which must cement it imply an almost Copernican change of perspective, from a fractured to a holistic view of human welfare which is centred on the commonality of human interests. The task of building a consensus around an ethic of human solidarity is a long-term proposition. The key is to engage individuals in collective action at all levels: to bring the needy to see themselves as individuals pose is self-sufficiency; and to bring to those in a position to help, the understanding that true self-realisation involves the alleviation of other's suffering. Progress in removing the causes of human suffering is a step-by-step proposition which calls for tenacious efforts on a long-term basis. This should not be a source of discouragement, but rather accepted as a challenge that the eternal human spirit needs to achieve its own fulfilment.

Israeli security primary concern for U.S. Jewish voters

WASHINGTON — The paramount concern of Jewish-Americans in the 1988 presidential election is Israel's security and American policy toward Israel, according to Gary Rubin, national programme director of the American Jewish Committee (AJC).

"A candidate, to get support from the Jewish community, will have to have a position in support of Israel's security," Rubin told reporters at the Foreign Press Centre last week. "Once that threshold is passed, then other issues come very much into play and matter very much to American Jews."

As a matter of fact, Rubin pointed out that "there are several issues on which the Arab-American organisations and the

Jewish-American organisations have very similar positions, indeed, almost identical positions." These include trying to rid American law of ideological exclusions for people coming into the United States. "In other words, the State Department should not bar people from coming in to address groups because they have a contrary ideology. All they are doing is speaking."

He said that Arab-American and Jewish-American organisations also "have a similar position on immigration, a similar position on civil rights and a similar position on hate crimes." He did admit there are sharp differences on American policy in the Middle East. "To the degree to which those differences are above-board, to the degree to which

both communities are trying to seek their goals within the legitimate political arena, as both do — I think we ought to understand that we have different positions, we pursue them differently, and that is fine."

"However, to the degree — and this has spilled over on both sides, and I could cite examples; I am sure you could, too — where a pro-Israel position or a pro-Arab position results, on the one hand, in anti-Arabism or, on the other hand, in anti-Semitism against Jews. Anti-Semitism in that sense, I think that that is out of bounds."

On issues such as prayer in the public schools, separation of church and state, rights for homosexuals and abortion rights, Rubin said the Jewish community

is down the line more liberal than almost every other community.

"It would surprise many of us if the Jewish community did not go Democratic this time, but the question is whether they will go Democratic as much as they did in years past."

"That is to say, will these liberal views keep them in that column as they have in the past? They have been as much as 30 per cent more Democratic than the rest of the electorate in the last few elections."

"Or will these anxieties around anti-Semitism, around possible loss of support for Israel cause them to turn in a more conservative direction and cut down the Democratic plurality?"

Rubin said a recent AJC survey of Jewish-American voters

showed 75 per cent of respondents said they considered anti-Semitism a major issue in the United States today, "the highest we have seen on surveys in a good deal of time."

When asked if they were concerned about the United States possibly turning away from Israel, 54 per cent of them answered yes, Rubin said.

On the "threshold" issue of Israel's security — "the first issue Jews look at when they think in terms of campaign issues" — both Bush and Dukakis meet the test, he said.

"The statements of both candidates have shown strong bipartisan support for Israel. Therefore, Jews will make their choice on these other issues — not because they do not care about Israel, but

because both candidates are so acceptable on Israel that these other issues come into play: domestic issues, concern with anti-Semitism, et cetera."

"Those will be the key decision points on how the Jewish vote will go."

Rubin also noted that Jews are running and being elected to political office in proportions that far exceed their number in the population.

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Regent urges Greek efforts

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these questions, the minister said. He said Greek's strong historic links with the Arab countries qualify it to contribute a great deal towards settling the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Masri and senior officials were at the airport to welcome the Greek minister.

Masri and the Greek minister,

heading official delegations, held talks at the Foreign Ministry Wednesday on developments in the Middle East and the international scene. Masri explained Jordan's efforts towards peace in the region through convening an international conference under U.N. auspices and urged Greece, in its capacity as the present chairman of the EEC, to bring about such a conference.

Dudin explains measures

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"sound and normal measure that most countries undertake and implement."

Denying that this measure would affect tourism revenues, Ajlouni said that the chairman of the Jordanian Tourist and Travel Agents' Association and the chairman of the Jordanian Hotels Association told him that there would be no rise in the prices currently followed in hotel and restaurants.

He added that tourism in Jor-

dan increased by 33 per cent during the first nine months of this year in comparison to the same period in the past eight years, and predicted good tourism revenues in the next season.

Referring to the importance of tourism agreements Jordan signed with Egypt and Turkey, he said the recent measures were designed to increase foreign tourism in Jordan. He also encouraged citizens to enjoy the tourist and historic sites in the country.

Bush sweeps to victory

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"do my level best to reach out and work closely" with the legislative branch.

Bush swept southern states, took the key states of California and Ohio and won his adopted home state of Texas despite the presence on the Democratic ticket of Texas Senator Lloyd Bentsen as vice-presidential candidate.

Bentsen easily won reelection to the senate and would likely remain chairman of the powerful Senate Finance Committee, which could make or break Bush's legislative proposals to deal with the economy.

World leaders congratulated Bush on his victory, but the dollar was off in overseas markets as traders worried about the U.S. budget and trade imbalances.

Radio Moscow said Bush was expected to continue Reagan's superpower policies, which brought the signing of a major treaty to eliminate land-based intermediate-range nuclear missiles (see page 8).

China's official Xinhua news agency warmly endorsed Bush as having "a rich experience in public service unmatched by most of its predecessors."

Egypt welcomed the election of Bush as president and hoped it would give new vigour to American peace efforts in the Middle East.

In Tunis, Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi welcomed the Republican's win and said he hoped the new president would take an interest in the Middle East as soon as he took office.

Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) spokesman Ahmad Abdul Rahman said the Palestinian people hoped Bush would use his influence to end to Israel's occupation of Arab and Palestinian territory.

One of Lebanon's two government leaders, Salim Al Hoss, quickly urged Bush to pressure Israel into withdrawing from his country.

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia telephoned Bush to congratulate him.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, in a letter to the president-elect, referred to Bush as a "true friend of Israel."

"We in Israel look forward to working with you and your administration for our common aim of achieving peace," Shamir said.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF**Police seize \$165,000 from Khashoggi**

CORFU, Greece (AP) — Greek police last week confiscated \$165,000 from Saudi Arabian financier Adnan Khashoggi as he was leaving this Ionian Sea resort island for Spain, a police spokesman said Tuesday. The cash was confiscated by police at Corfu airport Friday. Khashoggi was going through a routine customs check before boarding a private jet to fly to Spain, where he has a home. "The money hadn't been declared when Khashoggi arrived here on Oct. 26, so it was confiscated and placed in a Greek bank," said the spokesman. According to the spokesman, Khashoggi said the money was aboard his yacht, the 305-ton Khalidia, when it arrived in Corfu port Oct. 23.

Nigeria frees Egyptair plane

CAIRO (AP) — An Egyptian jetliner detained by Nigerian authorities for two days in connection with a narcotics-smuggling investigation has been released and arrived in Cairo early Wednesday. Airline officials said the Boeing 767, with 147 passengers aboard, was refused permission Monday to leave Kano, in northern Nigeria, after narcotics allegedly were found hidden in the bodies of four Nigerian passengers when the plane arrived from Cairo. The Middle East News Agency said that as a result of the incident, Egyptair will no longer allow Nigerians to board its aircraft at Indian, Pakistani and Thai airports effective Wednesday.

Nathan turns down PNC invitation

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli peace campaigner Abie Nathan said Tuesday he was turning down an invitation to the Palestine National Council (PNC), due to meet in Algiers November 12, because the trip would cost him too much money. "It's a shame not to go but the cost would be exorbitant, some \$20-\$25,000. We just can't afford it," said Nathan, a Bombay-born Jew known for his flamboyant peace gestures. "Besides, I'm in enough trouble here already," he added. Nathan caused uproar in Israel in September when he met Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat in Tunis and Strasbourg, defying an Israeli law against contacts with the organisation. He told Reuters he was questioned by police on his return, but said they had taken no action since.

S. Arabia accepts Filipina maids

RIYADH (R) — The embassy of the Philippines in Riyadh is again accepting requests for maids and domestic servants following the lifting of a 10-month ban. But an embassy spokesman said Tuesday the applications were being held until new regulations arrived within the next two weeks. The Philippines' government lifted its "maid ban" on Saudi Arabia Oct. 31 after several months of increasingly strained labour relations. Manila slapped the ban on Saudi Arabia and other countries last January after reports of abuse and non-payment of wages.

Begin appears for first time in a year

TEL AVIV (R) — Former Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, emerging from self-imposed seclusion for the first time in a year, visited his wife's grave Tuesday on the sixth anniversary of her death. Begin, 75, was supported by his daughters Leah and Hassia as he took short, unsteady steps to the grave of his wife Aliza on the Mount of Olives, where he was greeted by well-wishers including Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. Begin resigned in August 1983 because of depression over his wife's death and rising casualties during Israel's invasion of Lebanon. Since then he has imposed a rule of public silence, only rarely granting a radio interview.

Hoss' defence minister fires Aoun

BEIRUT (R) — Lebanon's defence chief Wednesday sacked the army's commander, General Michel Aoun, who heads one of the two competing cabinets in the country.

Defence Minister Adel Osseiran made the announcement, which political sources said would formally split the army and move Lebanon closer to partition.

"The post of army commander is considered temporarily vacant. Brigadier Sami Al Khatib is assigned to carry out the duties of the army commander as long as the post is vacant," Osseiran told a news conference in west Beirut.

Osseiran is defence minister in the cabinet headed by acting Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss. Aoun heads a rival military administration appointed by President Amin Gemayel minutes before his presidential term expired in September without a successor being named.

The Hoss cabinet had warned Aoun against the involvement in politics and told him to stick to his duties as army commander.

Osseiran said a 1983 government decree banned army personnel from taking up ministerial posts.

"This decree says an army man should not have both a military and ministerial post. His post in this case will remain vacant until he ends his duties in any cabinet," he said.

Khatib commanded a mainly-Syrian Arab Deterrence Force

(ADF) in Lebanon in 1976 to try to end the civil war.

All Arab members of the force except Syria subsequently withdrew. Damascus still maintains some 25,000 troops in Lebanon.

Osseiran said he hoped the firing of Aoun "will not have negative effects on the general situation."

Khatib, wearing a green uniform as he sat next to Osseiran, told reporters: "I will carry out my duties in any way that will serve the unity of the country and the army."

There was no immediate reaction from Aoun, 53, who was appointed Lebanon's youngest ever army commander in June 1984.

The 30,000-strong army has five mostly Muslim brigades of about 15,000 men based in northern, eastern and southern Lebanon and in west Beirut.

On the other side, Aoun has authority over five predominantly-Christian brigades in east Beirut.

A senior military source said the step "will lead to the partition

of the army."

A spokesman for the Lebanese Forces militia said: "This step... was taken under pressure. It expresses neither the will of Osseiran and Hoss nor of those they represent in west Beirut."

Those who had made the decision had no legal standing, he added.

Khatib announced his acceptance of the new post, saying "I shall exercise this job in a way that will serve the unity of the army and the country."

Iraq: Exchange of wounded PoWs will start next week

GENEVA (R) — Iran and Iraq could start swapping next week some wounded prisoners of war (PoWs), Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz said Wednesday.

He told reporters after meeting U.N. mediator Jan Eliasson that the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) was making preparations for the exchange.

"The Red Cross is preparing for next week, with Nov. 20 as the starting date," Aziz said.

Iraq announced Tuesday it was willing to consider an immediate swap of wounded and disabled prisoners after initially insisting on a total exchange of about 100,000 soldiers captured by both sides.

Iran, which last week accepted an ICRC request for a swap of the sick and wounded, has linked a total exchange to a withdrawal of Iraqi troops from

its soil.

Aziz's surprise announcement was viewed by U.N. diplomats as the first palpable sign of progress in the protracted Gulf peace talks in Geneva.

The talks, which began Aug. 25, have stalled on key political and military issues despite U.N. efforts to negotiate a comprehensive peace agreement after the end of hostilities on Aug. 30.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said Tuesday the ICRC-supervised repatriation of the sick and wounded could be completed soon.

Their number was estimated at last count two years ago at around 1,500.

The Red Cross said a doctor from the organisation must verify that each prisoner is able to travel and another ICRC delegate must interview each to make sure he wants to return home.

Iranians move church away from river

NICOSIA (R) — An old church threatened by a dam under construction in northwest Iran is being moved piece by piece to a safe place, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported Tuesday. IRNA said Zaur-Zaur church was being rebuilt in its original

shape 600 metres from where it stood, using the masonry with which it was erected in the 13th or 14th century. Relocation of the church near Maku on the Turkish border started last year and would be finished soon, it added.

Fahd reaffirms desire for better Iranian ties

KUWAIT (R) — King Fahd has reiterated Saudi Arabia's desire for better ties with Iran but said there had been no direct contact between them.

"We want good ties with everyone. We want Iran (to be) a force for peace," he told Kuwaiti newspaper editors in remarks published Wednesday.

Saudi Arabia backed Iraq in the Gulf war and cut diplomatic ties with Iran in April. In September Riyadh beheaded four pro-Iranian Saudis for plotting to sabotage oil installations. Saudi Arabia also accused Iran of instigating riots in Mecca in

July 1987 in which more than 400 people were killed.

But since a ceasefire Aug. 20 this year between Iran and Iraq, Saudi Arabia and other Gulf Arab states have sought to patch up differences with Tehran.

"From our side we have stopped the media campaigns against Iran but there has not been any contact between us until now," the king was quoted as saying.

His remarks contradicted those of Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Mubammad Besharati who told reporters in Kuwait Tuesday the two countries had been in direct contact and were

discussing a restoration of ties.

King Fahd ordered a halt to Saudi media criticism of Iran last month and Besharati said Tuesday Tehran had reciprocated.

"We do not carry any hatred for Iran," the king said. "We believe that Iran is an Islamic state, present in the region, but at the same time we do not believe in intervention in internal affairs."

Besharati in Doha

Besharati met the emir of Qatar Wednesday as part of a Gulf tour to improve Tehran's

relations with Arab states.

Besharati gave Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al Thani a message from Iranian President Ali Khamenei about Iran's peace talks with Iraq, said the Qatar news agency.

The message also dealt with bilateral affairs, the agency said.

Besharati earlier visited the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Kuwait. Iranian diplomats here said he would also visit Bahrain.

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Bush victory ends dollar 'honey moon'

LONDON (R) — A dollar honeymoon on news of George Bush's election victory was quickly over Wednesday when investors began selling America's currency on revived worries about huge U.S. trade and budget deficits.

A first flush of enthusiasm for another Republican president brought a welter of buy orders, some from U.S. investment banks, which pushed the dollar up to 126 Japanese yen in Tokyo — where the market was open when Bush's win was confirmed. But by the time European trading got into its stride, the currency faced selling pressure and at London's midday was trading around 124.50 yen and 1.7750 Deutschmarks, a sharp fall from

Tuesday closing values of 125.63 and 1.7890.

There was also a mixed reaction to the Bush victory on several stock exchanges.

"There was a mild round of applause at the outset but on the whole the Bush win has been labelled as boring," a share trader said in London where stocks fell.

Bullion traders said gold was virtually unaffected. It was set for the morning in the London mar-

ket at \$419.50 an ounce compared with Tuesday's final \$418.45.

Several European currency traders stayed up all night just in case there was a shock win by Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis when big clients would have probably dumped dollars. Analysts said markets felt

Dukakis would have led the global economy into uncharted territory and also that Bush seemed more likely to resist pressures for trade protectionism.

But Bush has not convinced the markets that he has remedies for America's budget and trade deficits, hence Wednesday's dollar selling.

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Top three companies:			
Arab Bank Limited	1780	JD 259380	88
National Cable and Wire Manufacturing Co.	169450	JD 196016	143
Jordan Cement Factories Co.	133152	JD 186253	61
Parallel market:	63091	JD 32867	—
Development bonds:	195	JD 1816575	—

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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One Sterling	1.7825/35	U.S. dollar	
One U.S. dollar	1.2345/55	Canadian dollar	
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	1.4908/15	Swiss francs	
	37.18/21	Belgian francs	
	6.0570/0600	French francs	
	1319/1320	Italian lire	
	124.52/62	Japanese yen	
	6.1510/60	Swedish crowns	
	6.6170/6220	Norwegian crowns	
	6.8350/8400	Danish crowns	
One ounce of gold	419.40/419.90	U.S. dollars	

AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

Wednesday Nov. 9, 1988					
Central Bank official rates					
	Buy	Sell		Buy	Sell
U.S. dollar	438.0	460.0	Japanese yen (for 100)	367.7	369.5
Pound Sterling	814.1	818.2	Dutch guilder	228.1	229.2
Deutschmark	257.1	258.4	Swedish crown	74.2	74.6
Swiss franc	306.4	307.9	Italian lira (for 100)	34.5	34.8
French franc	75.3	75.7	Belgian franc (for 10)	122.0	122.6

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — Stocks closed firmer on lower turnover as the U.S. presidential election kept a lid on activity. The All Ordinaries Index rose 1.9 to 1,564.6.

TOKYO — Prices closed higher after the market's favoured choice, George Bush, won the U.S. presidential election. The Nikkei Index rose 205.51 to 28,212.78.

HONG KONG — The market closed weaker as short-term profit-taking eroded early highs inspired by George Bush's U.S. presidential victory in thin trade. The Hang Seng Index finished 4.04 points down from Tuesday's 2,587.02.

SINGAPORE — Share prices closed marginally higher over a broad front, but were off their early highs in moderate trading. The Straits Times Industrial Index rose 3.19 points to 1,026.46.

BOMBAY — Closed for holiday.

FRANKFURT — Lack of interest and disappointment with the muted market reaction to Bush's victory in the U.S. election pressured West German shares to a lower close in limited trading. The Real-Estate 30-share Dax Index ended at 1,277.30, off 10.58 points or 0.8 per cent from Tuesday's close.

ZURICH — Swiss shares closed slightly lower in cautious trading as dealers awaited fresh signals from financial markets after the U.S. elections. The All-Share Swiss Index closed 2.2 points lower at 933.3.

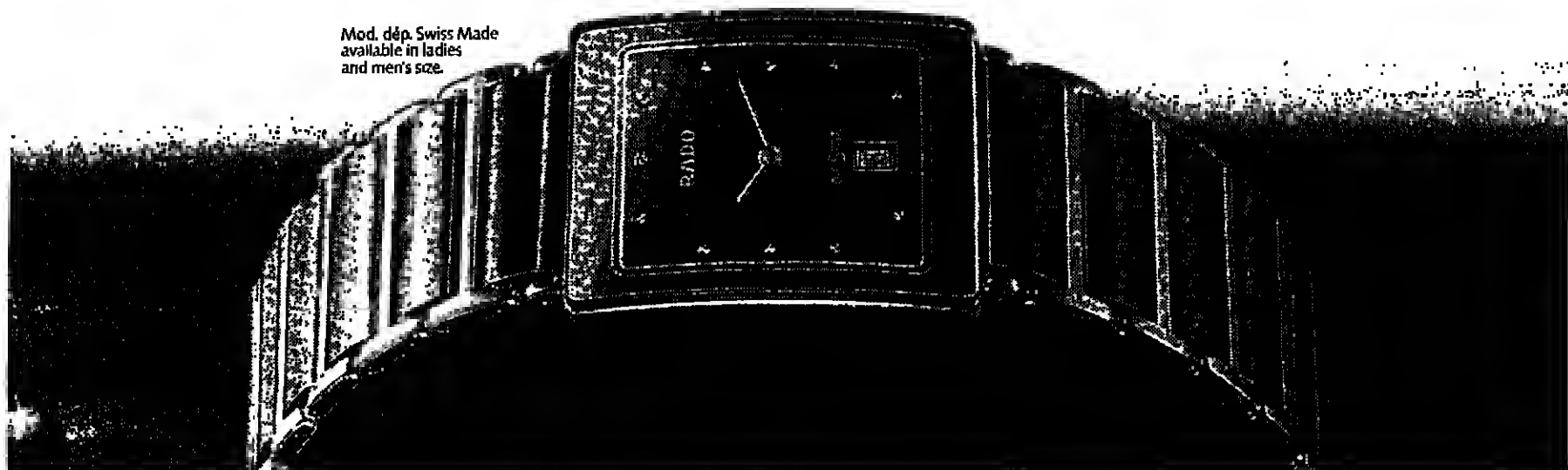
PARIS — French share prices turned lower in mid-session after an initial rise on news that Bush had won the U.S. presidency. The 50-share bourse indicator was 0.25 per cent down at about 1200 GMT after starting the morning 0.12 per cent up.

LONDON — Shares were close to their lows on the day in dull afternoon business, giving up most of the gains scored Tuesday in anticipation Bush would win the election. At 1534 GMT the FTSE 100 index was down 17.2 points to 1,823.4.

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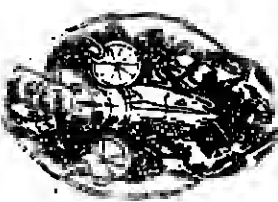
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Gdansk strikes collapse

GDANSK (R) — Young Solidarity militants Wednesday called off strikes at two Gdansk shipyards after failing to win support from other shipyard workers.

The stoppages at the Wisla and repair yards collapsed after only 24 hours.

They were staged by workers demanding re-legalisation of Solidarity and revocation of a Polish government decision to shut the Lenin shipyard where the banned union was born.

"Nobody has joined us. We have to finish," an 18-year-old striker said, taking down red-and-white Polish flags emblazoned with the word solidarity from the gate of the repair yard and rolling them up.

"We counted on others joining us but no one did," he added. He said only about 100 strikers stayed overnight in the yard which employs 5,800 men. About 500 began the sit-in stoppage at mid-day Tuesday.

About 30 young workers earlier called off a similar protest at the Wisla yard which employs 900 men. They said they decided to leave after management promised to reinstate men sacked after a strike last August.

The collapse of the protests ended a brief revolt by Solidarity radicals against union leader

Lech Walesa, which erupted Tuesday when he backed off from a threat to call nationwide strikes against the Lenin shipyard shutdown.

About 50 police stood near the gate of the Wisla yard and police vehicles waited outside the repair yard as the protests ended but police took no action.

Walesa, who has called the Lenin shipyard shutdown an attack on Solidarity's most symbolic stronghold, refused Tuesday to call out the yard's 11,000 men, saying the time was not ripe for strikes.

Some observers believed he backed off knowing he would get little support for a nationwide strike call and because the government of Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski appeared to be

itching for a showdown.

Walesa instead denounced the young strikers for defying his authority. He threatened to resign, saying their action was a warning that a new generation of workers could run out of control.

The veteran Solidarity leader appeared to be telling the government that young workers were increasingly restless and radicalised because of the refusal to make concessions to Solidarity, and that he might be unable to control them.

Young militants expressed bitterness when Walesa called off Poland's second strike wave of the year last August, after the authorities invited Solidarity to talks on Poland's future and promised to consider re-legalising the union.

Armenians protest at Bolshevik celebration

MOSCOW (R) — Tens of thousands of Soviet Armenians staged a national protest over what they regard as lost territory at Monday's Bolshevik Revolution anniversary parade in Yerevan, eyewitnesses said Wednesday.

Foreigners who were in the republic capital for the anniversary said the protesters blocked the city's central Lenin Square for well over three hours chanting their demands.

"It was difficult to believe you were in the Soviet Union," said one Westerner who asked not to be identified. "There were the Armenian leaders on the podium and all these people chanting at them."

The tourists said the protesters marched into the square in columns in what initially appeared to be the traditional civilian march-past following a parade of tanks and other military equipment.

But they were carrying banners demanding the transfer of the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh to Armenia and for a full political statement on the mas-

sacre of Armenians in the Azerbaijani city of Sumgait in February.

Unrest over Armenian demands for its transfer to rule from Yerevan has caused serious tension between the two Soviet republics since early this year, when vast demonstrations were first staged in the Armenian capital.

The tension led to anti-Armenian violence in Sumgait at the end of February in which at least 32 people died. The witnesses said demonstrators carried photographs of the victims.

"First one column came into the square, then they stopped and moved back to let more columns come in. The square quickly filled and all the leaders and the police could do was look on," one of the foreigners there said.

Armenian Communist Party leader Suren Arutunyan, who has expressed sympathy for the Karabakh claims, appeared at one point from the podium for the crowds to disperse but they refused and many sat down, the foreigner added.

Indian troops to stay in Maldives

TRIVANDRUM, India (R) — Indian troops airlifted into the Maldives to stop a coup by mercenaries will stay on until the political situation in the Indian ocean islands stabilises, Air Marshall G. Sen said Tuesday.

He said 500 of the 1,150 troops sent by India to assist President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom would stay.

Gayoom is due to be inaugurated for a third term as president Friday.

Fifteen people wounded in the failed coup are being treated in a heavily-guarded military hospital in this south Indian city. Sen said all were in stable condition, though shocked and under sedation.

Seven were wounded in the

initial fighting in the Maldivian capital Male last Thursday and eight were airlifted for treatment after Indian ships captured a freighter by the mercenaries seized for their getaway after the coup failed.

Seven of the eight were hostages liberated by Indian commandos from the Passage Light Sunday.

One is a mercenary. "But even he is getting top class treatment," said Sen.

He said the hostages on the ship had suffered a harrowing ordeal as the mercenaries had shot dead at least four of them and threatened to kill more as the ship was shadowed by Indian frigates as it headed towards Sri Lanka.

Rescue efforts continue in Chinese earthquake

PEKING (AP) — Military and government rescue teams Wednesday continued to airlift tents and medical supplies to a remote area of southwest China battered by the nation's most destructive earthquake of the decade, officials said.

The government has said more than 930 people in a lightly populated mountainous area near the Burmese border were killed by the Sunday night tremor. The quake registered 7.6 on the open-ended Richter Scale.

The Yunnan Provincial government said the main road link to the stricken area remained cut Wednesday. The government said the hundreds of injured are being treated locally because transporting them to the provincial capital of Kunming, 390 kilometres to the northeast, is not

feasible. The quake was centred in Lancang and Menglian counties, and affected about 14 counties of rugged forested terrain covering 40,000 square kilometres in Yunnan's southwest corner.

Provincial officials said they did not know how many people live in the affected area, which is populated mainly by farmers of the Lahu, Va and Dai minorities.

The state-run Radio Peking said about 1,000 soldiers were deployed as rescue workers, and the central government had allocated 200 million Yuan (\$54 million) for rescue operations.

United Nations officials said they were meeting with Chinese counterparts Wednesday to discuss the relief efforts, but that so far China had not requested foreign assistance.

Supreme Court grants Marcoses temporary stay

WASHINGTON (R) — A U.S. Supreme Court justice granted deposed Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos and his wife Imelda a temporary stay Tuesday of an order requiring them to produce bank records and other evidence demanded by a federal grand jury.

Justice Thurgood Marshall granted the stay of a lower court order requiring the Marcoses to give their fingerprints, handwriting samples and voice prints and turn over foreign bank records for a sweeping grand jury investigation.

The lower court order had given the couple until Wednesday to comply or be held in contempt of court and face possible imprisonment.

Marshall referred the matter to the full Supreme Court for consideration when the justices next meet Thursday.

Attorneys for the Marcoses asked the Supreme Court to block the court order on grounds that they retain diplomatic immunity and that the grand jury lacked authority to issue the four subpoenas.

The evidence was sought as part of a wide-ranging, two-year-old investigation by a federal grand jury in New York. The grand jury last month indicted the Marcoses and five others on racketeering charges.

The Marcoses were charged with looting the Philippine treasury of \$103 million, with using the money to secretly buy several Manhattan office buildings and with defrauding U.S. banks of \$165 million.

Imelda Marcos, 59, pleaded not guilty to the charges last week in New York. Arraignment for her 71-year-old husband has been delayed by his claims of poor health.

The couple has lived in Hawaii since fleeing the Philippines in 1986 when they were overthrown in a military-backed popular uprising.

An attorney representing the couple has said his clients would comply with the court order unless Marshall issued a stay. If held in contempt of court, the Marcoses could be imprisoned for the duration of the grand jury's investigation.

Democrats keep majority in Congress despite Bush win

WASHINGTON (R) — George Bush's victory in Tuesday's presidential election was not strong enough to help his party in Congress where Democrats kept their majorities in both the Senate and House.

With races in a few western states still in doubt, the Democrats appeared to have increased their current 54 to 46 margin in the Senate by at least two. They also maintained an 80-seat lead in the House of Representatives, again with a few seats undecided.

Democrats also took away governorships from Republicans in West Virginia and Indiana, where Evan Bayh, the son of former Senator Birch Bayh, won. His father had been defeated in 1980 by Dan Quayle, who was elected vice-president Tuesday.

The outcome was in sharp contrast to Ronald Reagan's 1980 victory when he swept Republicans into control of the Senate and cut the Democratic

margin in the House. Tuesday's results indicate Bush will face a difficult time getting his programmes approved by Congress.

All 435 House seats were at stake in the election, along with 33 seats — 18 now held by Democrats and 15 by Democrats — in the Senate. House members are elected for two-year terms while Senators serve six years.

Democrats won four Republican Senate seats, including Virginia where former Governor Charles Robb, a son-in-law of the late President Lyndon Johnson, beat little-known candidate Maurice Dawkins to succeed retiring Republican Paul Trible.

In Connecticut, the Senate's most liberal Republican Lowell Weicker, lost his seat to Democrat Joseph Lieberman, the state's attorney general, in an upset. Lieberman had often appeared to be the political right of Weicker, a maverick who often voted against

Reagan's policies.

Another Democratic gain came in Nebraska where former Governor Robert Kerrey ousted Republican Senator David Karnes. Karnes had been appointed in March 1987 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Edward Zorinsky.

The Republicans picked up a seat in Mississippi where Representative Trent Lott beat Democrat Wayne Dowdy to succeed retiring 87-year-old Democrat John Stennis.

In Florida, Democrat Buddy MacKay had a slim lead over Republican Connie Mack for the seat of retiring Democrat Lawton Chiles. Mack, following the lead of Bush in the presidential race, had targeted MacKay as a liberal.

Democratic Senator John Melcher was trailing Republican Conrad Burns in Montana in another race where a winner may not be decided until later Wednesday.

Moscow expects talks with U.S. to continue under Bush

MOSCOW (R) — Moscow Radio said Wednesday the Soviet Union expected the dialogue with the United States to continue under the new administration of George Bush.

But in the first Soviet comment on Bush's victory in the U.S. presidential elections, the radio suggested he won partly because he managed to portray his Democratic opponent Michael Dukakis as a weakening in foreign policy.

"In the course of the election campaign, George Bush promised to follow President Reagan's course both in home and foreign policy, including on relations with the USSR," the radio said.

"The Americans' approval of the INF (intermediate nuclear missile) treaty concluded with the Soviet Union, the positive results achieved in settling regional conflicts, tipped the scales in Bush's favour," the radio said in its English-language world service's 9 a.m. (0600 GMT) news bulletin.

At the same time, in his speeches Bush noted that he will follow a foreign policy course based on strength, to the liking of many in the United States.

"On this background, the Republicans managed to picture Dukakis as a weakening and as a liberal and predestined the outcome of the elections," it declared.

In a phrasing clearly authorised at a senior Kremlin policy level, it added: "The Soviet Union proceeds from the understanding that a dialogue between the two nations will be continued, with the new administration, in the interests of nuclear disarmament and world peace."

Despite the relatively confident tone of the radio commentary, there was clear concern in Moscow that Bush's proclaimed hard-line policies on arms and some regional conflicts could cause problems on the world scene.

In advance of the elections,

Soviet commentators who have given strong backing to Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev's more flexible approach to the West expressed some doubts over what a Bush victory might mean.

"If he goes for a gun-ho policy on, for example, pushing 'Star Wars' and outright support for the contras in Nicaragua, it will certainly please our home-grown reactionaries," said one prominent journalist who asked not to be identified.

"They are just waiting for a really tough line in Washington to help them prove that being reasonable with what they call the imperialists does not pay off and that we need to return to being tough too," the journalist added.

Gorbachev has followed a foreign policy based on what he has termed "new thinking" — taking into account the concerns of the West and recognising where Soviet behaviour has in the past caused alarm about its international intentions.

WEEKEND CROSSWORD

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- 3 Loos or O'Day
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- 5 Puns
- 6 God of love
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WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

Piper Alpha survivors get money

ABERDEEN, Scotland (R) — The 42 survivors of the world's worst offshore oil disaster are to be given an interim compensation payment immediately and with no legal strings attached, the owners of the Piper Alpha rig said Tuesday. Mike Park, a lawyer for Occidental Petroleum, met lawyers representing the platform workers and their families and said afterwards that every survivor would receive the same undisclosed payment. The Piper Alpha oil platform, 180 kilometres off the Scottish coast, exploded July 6, killing 167 men. Forty-two survived. Occidental also agreed to drop a clause from its original compensation offer under which survivors would have been forced to testify in court if Occidental sued contractors who had carried out work on Piper Alpha.

Greenpeace issues report on waste

BRUSSELS (R) — Western industrialised states exported more than 3,650,000 tonnes of toxic waste to the Third World and Eastern Europe in the past two years, the Greenpeace environmental group said Tuesday. In a 125-page report timed to coincide with a U.N.-sponsored Geneva meeting working on an international waste disposal treaty, it said this figure was probably just "the tip of an iceberg." Greenpeace listed 143 companies it said were known to have taken part in such toxic waste exports. Greenpeace has attacked the proposed treaty being discussed at the meeting in Geneva, which began Monday, saying there should be an outright ban on all toxic waste exports from the industrialised world.

Rushdie wins novel prize

LONDON (R) — Indian-born author Salman Rushdie won the novel section of Britain's biggest literary prize Tuesday with "The Satanic Verses" and challenged the Indian government to lift its ban on the controversial book. "I hope the prime minister of India is listening. I think this award is a way of sending a message and I hope somebody over there is willing to receive it," Rushdie told Reuters after receiving the £1,500 (\$2,650) Whitbread Award. "The Satanic Verses" has been banned in India, Pakistan and South Africa following protests from some Muslims that its treatment of Mohammed, the prophet of Islam, is blasphemous. "The prize is a way of saying that there is another relationship to books that's possible... rather than banning them or burning them," Rushdie said.

B-1B bomber crashes

ABILENE, Texas (R) — A U.S. B-1B strategic bomber crashed Tuesday near Dyess air force base in Texas and an eyewitness reported seeing flames shooting from its wings. A Defence Department statement in Washington gave no details or immediate casualty reports. It was the second crash of a B-1B, a controversial and costly bomber designed to penetrate enemy airspace at ground-hugging level with nuclear and conventional bombs and missiles. Three crew were killed in a September 1987 crash. "There were sparks coming out of the left wing, then the fire began to grow," said Lori Gordon, a local television reporter. She and several colleagues were in the station's car park and videotaped the plane's slow descent and crash.

Heart-liver surgery successful

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Eleven-year-old Stormie Jones, the world's only survivor of a heart-liver transplant operation, has undergone surgery to repair a blockage in a bile duct, hospital officials said. Doctors at children's hospital of Pittsburgh said the five-hour operation went well Tuesday. Stormie's liver function will continue to be monitored, and she will be watched closely for any signs of post-surgical problems, they said. The child in 1984 became the first person in the world to undergo a simultaneous heart-liver transplant. The landmark procedure was performed at children's hospital by Dr. Thomas E. Starzl, who performed Tuesday's operation. Two other people had the operation but neither survived.

Bishops hit population control

VATICAN CITY (R) — Roman Catholic bishops Tuesday criticised population control programmes in the Third World and accused Western countries of harming women's health through contraceptive imperialism. A Vatican statement after a two-day meeting of more than 50 bishops from several countries said: "They (the bishops) vigorously attacked contraceptive imperialism or neo-colonialism which ensures that aid to Third World countries is linked to vast contraception and sterilisation programmes, thus harming family life, threatening women's health and violating human rights." The bishops met to mark the 20th anniversary of Pope Paul VI's controversial encyclical, *humane vitae* (on human life), which opposed abortion and artificial contraception.

COLUMN 8

Shoplifting judge allowed to keep job

GOTEBORG, Sweden (AP) — A district court ruled Monday that a judge who was caught twice shoplifting be allowed to keep his seat on the bench, the national news agency TT reported. The court overturned a ruling by